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SUBJECT : FURTHER MOVES AGAINST DISSIDENT SCHOLARS

REF (A) BELGRADE 0434, (B) BELGRADE 0675

1. PROFESSOR RUDI SUPEK OF ZAGREB UNIVERSITY HAS TOLD LOCAL CORRESPONDENT THAT CROATIAN PRINTING HOUSES HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM CROATIAN AUTHORITIES NOT TO HANDLE DISSIDENT PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL PRAXIS. SUPEK, PROMINE MEMBER OF 'CREATIVE MARXIST' DISSIDENT GROUP WHICH ALSO INCLUDES 'BELGRADE EIGHT', IS MEMBER OF PRAXIS EDITORIAL BOARD.

2. SUPEK INDICATED THIS MOVE IS DEATH BLOW TO JOURNAL. EDITORS ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE ROUTINE APPEAL TO AUTHORITIES, THEN FORMALLY ANNOUNCE END OF PUBLICATION. PRAXIS HAD HOPED TO SURVIVE DENIAL OF OFFICIAL SUBSIDY (REF A) THROUGH ARTICLE CONTRIBUTIONS, REDUCTION OF FREQUENCY AND SIZE OF MAGAZINE, AND PRIVATE FINANCIAL HELP.

3. WE HAVE HEARD VIA SWEDISH SOCIOLOGIST AND REUTERS CORRESPONDENT THAT NEGOTIATION ARE UNDERWAY IN LJUBLJANA ON FUTURE OF FOUR PRAXIS-CONNECTED PROFESSORS CURRENTLY UNDER ATTACK AT FACULTY OF SOCIOLOGY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND JOURNALISM

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OF LJUBLJANA UNIVERSITY (REF B). INDICATION ARE THAT FOUR

WILL LOSE TEACHING POSITIONS, BUT HAVE BEEN OFFERED RESEARCH POSTS. THEIR RIGHT TO PUBLISH THEIR WORK IN YUGOSLAVIA IS ALSO REPORTED IN QUESTION. SWEDISH PROFESSOR WAS IN BELGRADE FOR NOW-CANCELLED MEETING OF YUGOSLAV SOCIOLOGISTS WHICH LJUBLJANA PROFESSORS WERE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND.

4. EXTENSIVE COMMENTARY IN FEB 15 DELO CRITICIZED FOUR PROFESSORS' ABILITY TO DO TEACHING OR RESEARCH AT UNIVERSITY AND RECOMMENDED THEY BE MOVED ELSEWHERE. COMMENTARY LINKS FOUR WITHRECENTLY-REMOVED BELGRADE PHILOSOPHERS AND WITH PRAXIS SUPPORTERS IN ZAGREB, AND CONNECTS ALL WITH "ANTI-SELF-MANAGEMENT ELEMMENTS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY JOINED FORCES" IN ANTI-SOCIALIST AND ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN.
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